IRON MAN

CAPTAIN MARVEL

EDWIN JARVIS

SPIDER-WOMAN

YELLOWJACKET

MARIA HILL

ECHO

NORMAN OSBORN

VENOM

SWORDSMAN

MOONSTONE

GAUNTLET

DIAMONDBACK

CRUSADER

GEIGER

PRODIGY

BATWING

PROTON

TASKMASTER

STATURE

WICCAN

PATRIOT

HAWKEYE

VISION

HULKLING

SPEED

ANNEX

MELEE

SUNSTREAK

GORILLA GIRL

RED NINE

A Skrull ship has crash-landed in the Savage Land. When both Iron Man's public Mighty Avengers and Luke Cage's underground New Avengers arrive there, they are met with a gathering of Earth's heroes who declare they have been held captive by the shape-shifting Skrulls. The stand-off between the Avengers of yesterday and today bursts into violence. Long thought dead, Mockingbird, the former wife of Clint Barton, a.k.a. Ronin, convinces her husband that she is not a Skrull. She tells the heroes that the Captain America she arrived with is the real deal as well, as he is the one who helped the heroes escape to Earth. Meanwhile, after relocating to the Savage Land's citadel, Tony Stark, still sickly from a viral attack on his biotech, works feverishly to get his tech back together by rebuilding it from scratch.

All over the world, Skrull agents posing as humans begin to act. A Skrull posing as S.H.I.E.L.D. Commander Dum Dum Dugan destroys the Peak, S.W.O.R.D.'s space station, killing many of the agents on board. A Skrull posing as Jarvis, the Avengers' butler, unleashes an alien virus into Iron Man's StarkTech mainframe, sending all Stark-related technologies, including S.H.I.E.L.D.'s helicarrier, into complete failure. A Skrull posing as Captain Marvel attacks Thunderbolts Mountain. In New York City, a Skrull armada arrives, and super-Skrulls by the hundreds pour out of the ships, ready to take over the Earth...

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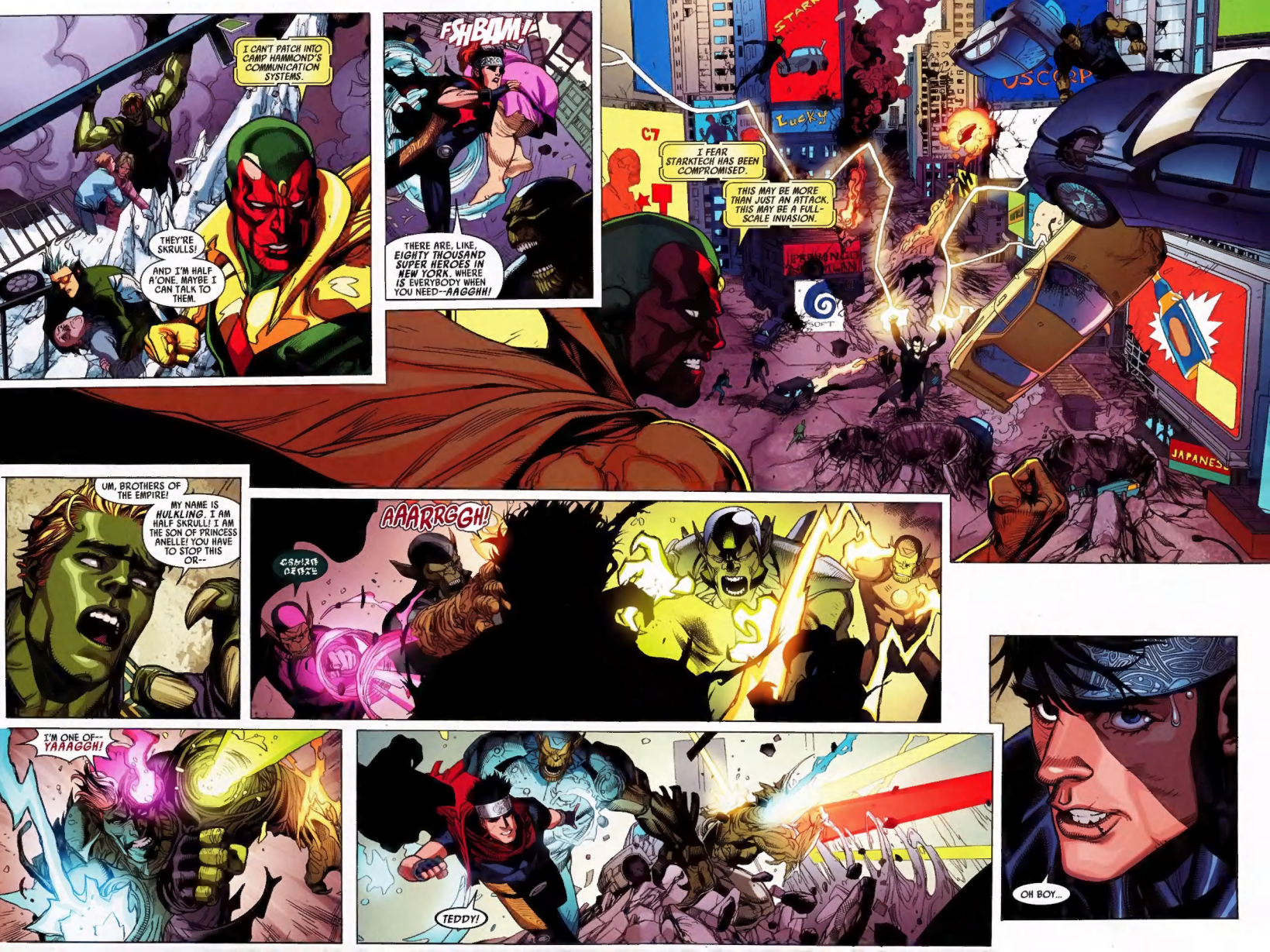
S.H.I.E.L.D. HELICARRIER.
BERMUDA TRIANGLE
OKAY, WHERE ARE WE?
IT'S DIFFICULT TO SAY, DEPUTY COMMANDER HILL. ALL SYSTEMS ARE DOWN.
SHALL WE TAKE A PEEK OUTSIDE?
CASUALTY REPORT?
MA'AM, ALL OUR SYSTEMS ARE DOWN.
THEN GET A PAD AND A PEN AND DO IT THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY!
YES, MA'AM.
ALPHA TEAM, GRAB SOME WEAPONS AND FOLLOW ME. WE'RE HEADING UP TO THE FLIGHT DECK.
I'VE HAD THE SAME CAR SINCE I WAS NINETEEN YEARS OLD, NEVER HAD A PROBLEM.
YET THIS THING FALLS OUT OF THE SKY EVERY OTHER THURSDAY.
YES, MA'AM.
AGH!
OKAY, JUST HOLD STEADY AND--
MA'AM?
@#$%...

MS. HILL...
JARVIS?
THE AVENGERS' BUTLER.
WELL, THAT'S JUST PEACHES.
YES.
I WAS WONDERING IF YOU'D BE EVER SO KIND AS TO OFFER US YOUR FULL AND TOTAL SURRENDER.

THUNDERBOLTS MOUNTAIN.
COYOTE SPRINGS, COLORADO, HEADQUARTERS OF THE THUNDERBOLTS
KRAKOOM
YOU CAN'T DO IT, CAN YOU?
AND MY GUESS IS YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY WHO YOU'RE DRESSED AS.
MY NAME'S NORMAN OSBORN. THIS IS MY OFFICE YOU TRASHED AND MY PEOPLE YOU SMACKED AROUND.
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A DRINK AND TALK ABOUT IT?

CAMP HAMMOND.
TRAINING CAMP FOR ALL NEWLY REGISTERED HEROES IN THE INITIATIVE
HI, UH, WHAT'S GOING ON, EXACTLY?
WE ARE FREAKING OUT!
IS THIS A DRILL, MR. GAUNTLET?
AIN'T A DRILL, GORILLA GIRL.
YOU CADETS REALLY NEED TO GET BACK TO YOUR BARRACKS.
BUT, DIAMONDBACK, THERE'S NO POWER, THERE'S NO--
WE KNOW.
SOMETHING'S GOING ON! IF SOMETHING'S GOING ON YOU SHOULD TELL US, WE'RE--
OKAY!
LISTEN VERY CAREFULLY...POWER'S OUT, STARKTECH IS OUT, WE CAN'T GET S.H.I.E.L.D., TONY STARK, THE AVENGERS, OR ANYONE ELSE ON THE HORN.
SERIOUSLY?
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING, CRUSADER.
SO THIS ISN'T A DRILL? THIS IS THE REAL DEAL?!
PROTON, ALL OF YOU, LISTEN VERY CARE--WHOA!
YELLOWJACKET?!
GUYS!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
THE CITY'S UNDER ATTACK! THE AVENGERS ARE--ARE MISSING!
WHO'S ATTACKING?
S.H.I.E.L.D. IS DOWN! EVERYTHING IS--!
WHO'S ATTACKING?!
ALIENS!
I DON'T KNOW WHO EXACTLY. I JUST--I JUST SAW THE SHIP OVER NEW YORK.
I-I-I-I CAN'T FIND ANYONE!
GET THE CADETS SUITED UP. IT'S TIME.
WE'RE GOING IN?
GUYS...THIS IS IT. THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE TRAINED FOR.
IT'S TIME.

TIMES SQUARE.
THE YOUNG AVENGERS
GUYS, THIS IS A LITTLE BIT OVER OUR HEADS, DON'T YOU THINK?
WHAT ARE WE SUPPOSED TO DO, KATE? LEAVE?
I'M UNABLE TO PATCH INTO ANY EMERGENCY SERVERS.
(AND SO CAN YOU!)
STOP

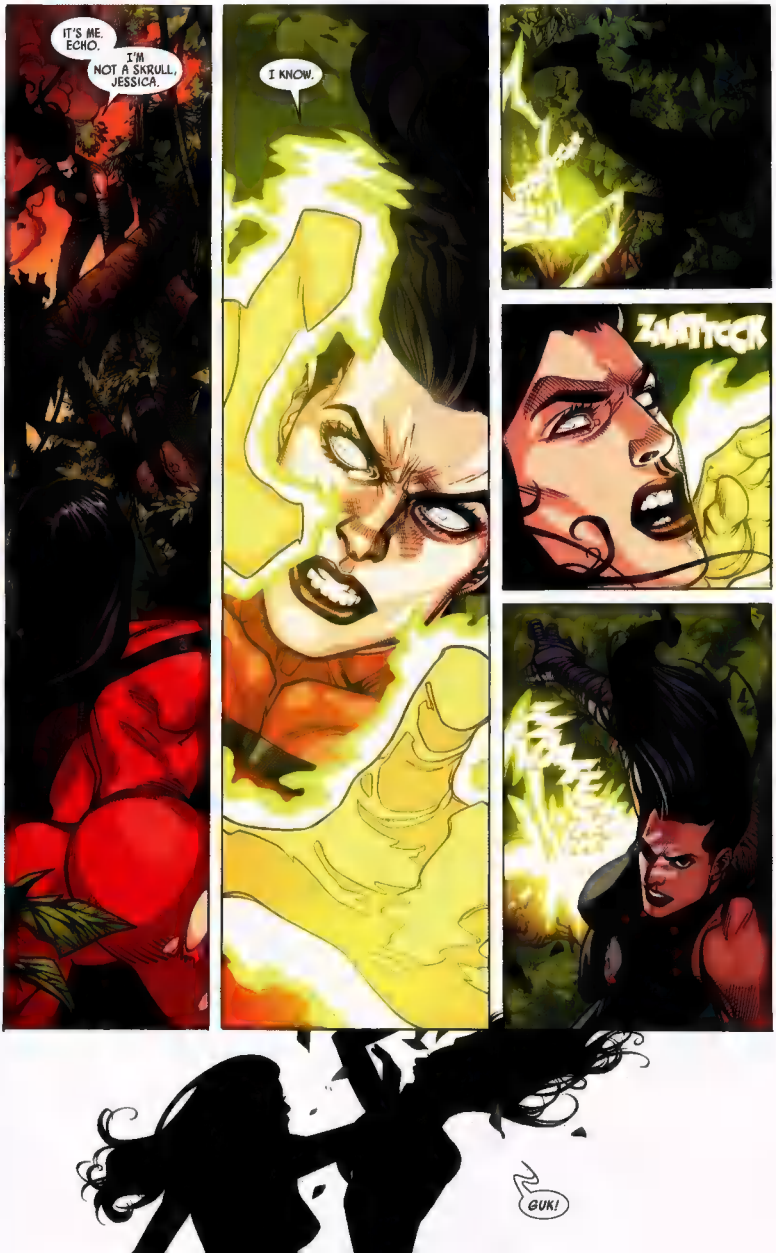

I CAN'T PATCH INTO CAMP HAMMOND'S COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS.
THEY'RE SKRULLS!
AND I'M HALF A'ONE. MAYBE I CAN TALK TO THEM.
FSHBAM!
THERE ARE, LIKE, EIGHTY THOUSAND SUPER HEROES IN NEW YORK. WHERE IS EVERYBODY WHEN YOU NEED--AAGGHH!
I FEAR STARKTECH HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.
THIS MAY BE MORE THAN JUST AN ATTACK. THIS MAY BE A FULL-SCALE INVASION.
UM, BROTHERS OF THE EMPIRE!
MY NAME IS HULKLING. I AM HALF SKRULL! I AM THE SON OF PRINCESS ANELLE! YOU HAVE TO STOP THIS OR--
AAARRGGH!
I'M ONE OF--
YAAAGGH!
TEDDY!
OH BOY...

FABOOM
FRAKOOM
SKL • 500

BEEP BEEP BEEP
WICCAN!
OH MY GOD! IS HE--?
GUYS, IT'S GONNA BE OKAY.
CRACKLING

"THE INITIATIVE IS HERE."
TEAMS OF THREE! AND END IT FAST!
HOLD THE LINE TILL THE CAVALRY COMES!
NOTHING FANCY!
KRAKOOM
SMAAASSHH
OKAY, WHO'S NEXT?
UH, IN THE STUDIO, ARE WE RUNNING LIVE?
WE ARE NOW!

THE SAVAGE LAND.
SKRITCH


IT'S ME, ECHO.
I'M NOT A SKRULL, JESSICA.
I KNOW.
ZAAPTTCCK
GUK!

ZWITTOCK
CRACK
ARMOR?
STARKTECH ARMOR: COMPLETE SYSTEM FAILURE. VIRUS DETECTED. ALL SYSTEMS FAILING.
WELL THAT'S--COFF--MONEY WELL SPENT.
NEED TO DISCONNECT MY BIOWARE. THE TECH VIRUS IS HITTING ME LIKE PNEUMONIA.
I HAVE AT LEAST A HUNDRED AND TWO FEVER...
HOW ARE YOU FEELING, TONY?

NOT TO BE IMPOLITE...
...BUT I'D AS SOON NOT TALK TO YOU OR ANYONE TILL I'VE FIGURE THIS ALL OUT.
YOU CAN RELAX NOW.
YOU DID IT.
YOUR WORK ON EARTH IS DONE.
MY WORK?
ON EARTH?
YOU WILL GO DOWN IN OUR PEOPLE'S HISTORY AS THE GREATEST SOLDIER THE ARMADA HAS EVER HAD.
STOP--
AND YOU WILL ALWAYS AND FOREVER HAVE MY UNDYING LOVE.
THE LOVE OF YOUR QUEEN.

I'M NOT A SKRULL!
I KNOW THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK.
STOP!
THAT'S WHAT YOU WERE TRAINED TO THINK!
STOP!
YOU SAVED OUR PEOPLE.
YOU SERVED SELFLESSLY.
AS I SAID TO YOU THE DAY YOU VOLUNTEERED: I [redacted] SO SORRY IT HAD TO BE THIS WAY.
NO.
I'M SORRY THE TRUTH HAD TO [redacted] HIDDEN EVEN FROM YOU.
S-STOP IT.
TURNING THE HEROES AGAINST EACH OTHER, POSITIONING YOURSELF AS THE MOST IMPORTANT PERSON IN THEIR WORLD...
N-NO...
BUT IF NOT FOR YOU, [redacted] BRAVE, BRAVE WARRIOR, THIS DAY WOULD NEVER HAVE COME.
I DO PRAISE YOU AND LOVE YOU, KR'ALI...
THIS IS YOUR DAY WELL-EARNED.

TIMES SQUARE.
KRAKOOM
STATURE!

RENT
HOLY @#$%!
THIS WILL NOT STAND.
THERE ARE OTHERS WHO WILL COME HERE TO STOP YOU.
YOU WILL NOT WIN.
SAM KINISON

ZZRRKKKTTTZZZ
CRAWSHH
NO, WAIT--
PLEASE--
KRRAAZZCCTT

MEKH
JOY

OKAY, COMMANDOS!
LET'S TURN THIS THING AROUND!
TO BE CONTINUED...